

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING
FEE INCREASES FOR VARIOUS ANIMAL SHELTER
SERVICES, AND FURTHER APPROVING A SHELTER
SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, the Lodi Municipal Code requires the City Council, by Resolution, to set fees for various services provided by the City of Lodi to recover those costs associated with providing specific services and programs; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends increasing fees for various Animal Shelter services as shown on the attached schedule marked Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends the implementation of a Spay/Neuter Voucher Program for low-income residents, which will help address the pet population, reducing the birth rate of puppies and kittens and ultimately decreasing the euthanasia rate of unwanted animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby implement the fee schedules as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be published one time in the "Lodi News-Sentinel," a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi, and shall be in force and take effect February 1, 2007.

Dated: July 5, 2006

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-129 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held July 5, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson,
and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Mounce

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Animal Shelter Fee Proposal

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Licensing			
Unaltered dogs/cats	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	The Shelter impounds 3 times the amount of unaltered vs. altered animals. The in license fees for unaltered animals will discourage irresponsible breeding and encourage spay/neutering of animals.
Altered dogs/cats	\$ 6.00	\$10.00	Increase pet licensing fees to cover cost of processing and tracking information. This fee is in line with other local agencies.
Unlicensed Animals	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	Encourage City of Lodi animal owners to license pets. This fee would be imposed when staff issues a notice to comply for an unlicensed animal.
Expired License	20% (per mo)	\$50.00	Encourage animal owners to renew pet licenses on time.
<u>Supplemental Information on Pet Licensing</u> - City of Lodi licensed pets for fiscal year 2004-2005 total is 2,553. The National Average shows 36.1% of households have dogs and 31/6% has cats. Based on the National Average it is estimated that there are over 40,000 pets in the City of Lodi with only 15.6% of the pets licensed.			
Boarding			
Dogs- per day	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	Cover cost of cleaning, feeding and medical services for animals housed in the shelter
Cats-per day	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00	
Disposal Fee			
Dog & Cats	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	Cost of impound fees for animals that are released by the owner for adoption or disposal.
Impound/Field Call Fee			
Dogs & Cats	\$30.00	\$ 50.00	Fee charged when staff responds to a field call to pick up a loose dog or cat in a trap Staff repeatedly impounds the same animals running loose. This would help recover costs related to this service and encourage responsible pet ownership.
2 nd call	\$60.00	\$100.00	
3 rd call	\$120.00	\$200.00	
4 th call	\$240.00	\$400.00	
Spay/Neuter Deposits			
Dogs-	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	Dollar figure allowed Per Food and Agricultural code 30503(b)
Cats-	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	Dollar figure allowed Per Food and Agricultural code 31751.3